

APPENDIX B.

INTERPELLATIONS.

MR. C. CHANNAKESAVAIYA, CHITALDRUG TALUK.—

Q.—I. Will the Government be pleased to state if the wet lands of Haliyur village have been getting any supply of water from the Bhimasandra tank during the past 12 or 15 years? If not, what steps have the Government taken to remedy the defects and why the contribution amount and wet rate recovered from the poor raiyats may not be remitted?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Government are aware that the irrigation under the Bhimasandra tank and particularly of the lands of Haliyur and other villages has not been satisfactory, the maintenance work having long been neglected owing to various causes. After detailed investigation into the circumstances of the case, the Government sanctioned in 1917 certain improvements to the channels and masonry works of the tank and necessary orders will be issued to push on these works and complete them soon.

No applications for remission are reported to have been received by the local officers.

MR. NARAYANA RAO, MOLAKALMURU TALUK.—

Q.—II. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) In how many districts Survey Training classes had been opened for Shanbhogs and Patels since the commencement?

(b) What was the duration of each term?

(c) The number that attended the classes and the number of candidates that got through the final examination.

(d) Why these classes may not be continued for some time to come and give training to all Patels and Shanbhogs in the State?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a), (b) and (c) A statement containing the required information is placed on the table.

(d) Will be continued wherever necessary.

MR. BHASKARAPPA, SRINIVASPUR TALUK.—

Q.—III. Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information:—

The number of cases pending for more than two years in each of the Civil Courts in the State.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—A statement giving the information required is placed on the table.

MR. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK.—

Q.—IV. (1) Is the collection of interest on Local Cess permitted?

(2) If collected, to what head is it credited?

(3) What is the annual amount thus collected?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) Yes, under Rule 94 of the Land Revenue Rules.

(2) It is collected and credited to the head IX Interest, (2) Interest on arrears of Revenue, Land Revenue.

(3) The annual amount of interest realized on Local Cess alone cannot be furnished, as the budget head referred to above represents the interest on all items of Land Revenue including Local Cess and the interest on the latter alone is not credited to a separate head.

MESSRS. K. RAMAKRISHNA IYER, KOLAR TALUK AND T. SRINIVASACHAR, KOLAR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—

Q.—V. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many criminal cases are pending for over six months, over one year and over two years in each of the Magistrates' Courts in the Kolar District?

(b) In how many cases were the accused in lock-up for over three months pending the disposal of their trial during the past three years?

(c) How many such persons were in the lock-up and for what period pending disposal of their trial?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—A statement furnishing the information required is placed on the table.

MESSRS. C. VASUDEVA RAO AND T. B. MALLEGOWDA, CHIKMAGALUR TALUK.—

Q.—VI. (a) What is the extent of land given to Mr. Kent on behalf of Mr. Kasim Sait in Kalasa?

(b) Has he been permitted to cut the sandal trees?

(c) Has the water of a small holder been cut off? In consequence, has he sold his land?

(d) Had Mr. Kent cut the jungle before it was granted by Government? If so, what action has been taken in the matter?

(e) What extent of land has Mr. Kent opened for coffee cultivation unauthorizedly?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) The extent of land ordered to be given to Mr. Kent is 299 acres, 26 guntas in Survey No. 151 (whole number) in Hemmakki village.

(b) No.

(c) Government have no information on the subject. Any party aggrieved may apply to the local authorities.

(d) and (e) From the reports received, it appears that there has been some unauthorized felling of trees and encroachment.

The matter is under enquiry and will receive attention.

MR. V. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR, SERINGAPATAM.—

Q.—VII. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table full details as regards:—

(1) The date of institution of the Lower Secondary Examination.

(2) The number of students sitting every year for the examination.

(3) The annual total fee collected.

(4) Savings, if any, effected out of fees, and the amount of savings.

(5) Also whether it has come to the notice of Government that the arrangements made by the Education Department for the examination in mofusil centres are of the most unsatisfactory kind? If so, will the Inspector-General of Education be requested to say if care is taken to provide every student with a suitable writing desk and seat?

- (6) Has it ever come to the notice of Government that students are made to sit on rickety dealwood kerosine oil cases and on the floor, with their own laps as writing desks and tables, thus greatly contravening hygienic principles ?
- (7) Is it not the duty of the Education Department to somehow provide each Examination Centre with the required number of benches and desks ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.—

A.—(1) In the year 1887.

(2, 3 and 4) A statement giving these particulars is laid on the table.

(5 and 6) The Inspector-General states that no complaints have been received till now and that he will enquire into the matter.

(7) The question of providing necessary furniture is engaging the attention of the department.

MR. K. V. NARAYANA RAO, NANJANGUD MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—VIII. Will the Government be pleased to state why the Bhrihu Project which was worked so rapidly at the initial stages and of which almost all the work is done, is not completed, and whether the Government are aware that, by such stoppage of work, not only the raiyats but also the Government will be put to great loss ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The delay in the completion of the work is due to climatic causes, shortage of labour, and other adverse conditions, the subordinate staff also having suffered badly in health. The loss, if any, is inevitable in such circumstances. Arrangements are however being made to push the work through and to complete it at an early date.

MR. M. S. KRISHNASWAMI RAO, B.A., B.L., MYSORE TALUK.—

Q.—IX. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) How many houses have been acquired in the city after the establishment of the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board ?

(2) How many new houses have been built by the displaced persons ?

(3) How many new houses have been built either by the Municipality or the Government for the use of the displaced persons ?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to further state what the total amount spent by the Trust Board from the beginning up to the end of June 1920 for the improvement of the city is ?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) 4,271.

(2) Information is not available as to the number of houses built by the displaced persons but 3,847 new houses have been built in the city.

(3) Neither Government nor the Municipality have built houses for the displaced persons but 160 model and experimental houses built by the Trust Board have been mostly taken up by displaced persons.

(4) Rs. 56,95,378.

MR. B. SURYANARAYANA RAO, HASSAN TALUK.—

Q.—X. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether they have noticed the editorial column in the evening edition of the *Bangalore Daily Post* dated the 28th February 1920 under the heading of "The Arsikere Railway Trouble" ?

(b) Will the Government be also pleased to place on the table a list showing the following particulars regarding No. 2 Sub-Division of the Mysore-Arsikere Railway line?—

(1) Names of contractors claiming settlement.

(2) Work or works taken up by them.

(3) Estimated amount of such work or works.

- (4) Amount paid till now.
- (5) The date of completion of the works.
- (6) The amounts claimed by contractors as still due to them.
- (7) Amount of final bills as prepared by the department.
- (8) Date of intimation of such final bills to the contractors with reasons, if any, for the delay and also a comparative statement showing the amount of sanctioned estimates for earthwork and masonry work respectively of the said Railway Divisions No. 1 and No. 2, the amounts spent on each of those items and the balance available under these heads in each of those items and the balance available under these heads in each of the said Divisions.

(c) When the Committee referred to in the said article was appointed and what time is fixed for the submission of the final report in respect of these long pending claims?

(d) Whether, in view of the nature and extent of the matters in dispute and the magnitude of the interest involved, it would not be desirable to have on the said Committee a Judge of the Chief Court of Mysore and at least two non-official members to help the investigation and correct decision of the matters in dispute?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(a) Their attention has been drawn to the article in question.

(b) No public interests will be served by placing such information on the table. Each case in dispute is under investigation.

(c) 30th January 1920.

The date fixed for the submission of the report was 1st September 1920, but an extension up to 15th October 1920 has been granted.

(d) Government do not consider that the course suggested is necessary.

MESSRS. K. T. SESHAIYA, BELUR TALUK AND D. NANJEGOWDA, MANJARABAD TALUK.—

Q.—XI. Will the Government be pleased to state the number of *Darkhast* applications pending disposal for more than a year in every district?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAPPA, HOLE-NARSIPUR TALUK.—

Q.—XII. There are Standing Orders for the receipt and disposal of petitions, but many petitions remain undisposed of. Will the Government be pleased to enforce the said order for the speedy disposal of all petitions and is it possible to do so?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Adequate provision exists for watching the observance of the Standing Orders in question, both by means of monthly returns of business and during inspections. If specific instances of undue delay are cited, special enquiries will be made.

MR. S. SITHARAMAIA, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—XIII. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many graded officers were there under the former scheme of the Forest Department of the State, and how many are there under the current revised scheme?

(b) How many trained men are there now in service that have passed out of the Dehra Dun Forest Institution, prior to the introduction of the Provincial Course, i.e., officers trained about 8 years ago?

(c) Whether or not these trained men were entertained in service here with the understanding that they can become Gazetted Officers and rise up to Rs. 650 as notified in the Government *Gazette*?

Whether it is not provided in the *Forest Code* that a Ranger, who has passed out of the Dehra Dun Institution and has put in 5 years' satisfactory service, is eligible to enter the Gazetted service provided there are vacancies?

(d) How many of these have become Gazetted Officers?

(e) How many men have since been trained in the Provincial Course at Dehra Dun ?

(f) Whether it is not a fact that the Principal of the Dehra Dun College has expressed on more than one occasion that there was practically no difference between the Provincial Course and that of the Rangers prior to the introduction of the Provincial Course ?

(g) How many trained men have been recruited from the Provincial Course of the Dehra Dun Institution until now ?

(h) Whether or not those that have undergone the Provincial Course are entertained straight away as Gazetted Officers here ?

(i) Whether the number of candidates recruited at Government cost corresponds to the vacancies caused and are likely to be caused by the retirement or otherwise of those in service ?

(j) If so, whether any provision is made for promoting the said Rangers already in service to the Gazetted rank as they have done in the Madras Presidency ?

(k) Whether the introduction of the Provincial recruits will not serve as a bar to the progress of those that have already been in service ?

(l) Whether there are not vital differences between the qualification and training of Rangers that have undergone the training in the Dehra Dun College, in the Coimbatore College as well as in the Mysore Forest School ?

(m) If so, whether any distinction is made in appointing and promoting the Mysore trained Rangers, those trained at Dehra Dun and Coimbatore ?

(n) Is it not a fact that, at the last Forest Conference held at Mysore in 1919, a resolution was passed to the effect that 50 per cent of the vacancies should be reserved for those that have already been in service ?

If so, whether this has been brought to the notice of the Government and whether the Government have been pleased to uphold the same ?

(o) If no such provision has yet been made, is it not highly necessary as in the Madras Presidency to make one in the interests of service for preventing the natural disappointment, discontent and the consequent deterioration in service ?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) 18 permanent.

21 permanent.

(b) 34.

(c) They were entertained with the prospect of rising to Rs. 600 on approved service.

Yes.

(d) 21.

(e) 7.

(f) Government are not aware of any such expression of opinion.

(g) Seven already trained and in service. Two under training.

(h) Yes, as a rule.

(i) For the rules of recruitment, the member is referred to G. O. No. 105-6—Ft. 129-19-2, dated 5th July 1920.

(j) The question of promoting Rangers to Gazetted rank is at the discretion of Government.

(k) Not necessarily.

(l) There may be differences.

(m) In the case of Mysore and Coimbatore Rangers, the prospect held out is a first grade Rangership on Rs. 150 against Rs. 600 to Dehra Dun Rangers, but it is no bar to the former to rise higher on the ground of merit.

(n) Yes. The matter has not been brought to the notice of Government.

(o) *Vide* reply to question (n) sub-para.

MR. P. VENKAPPIAH, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD :—

Q.—XIV. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) What is the capital outlay on the two Traction Engines and Trucks belonging to the Forest Department, Shimoga and what is the establishment maintained for their up-keep?

(2) For how many months in the year do the Engines work and the establishment is paid?

(3) For how long have the two Traction Engines not been in working order and why have they not been repaired till now?

(4) Is it a fact that a monthly allowance of Rs. 100 is being paid to a Mechanical Engineer of a Commercial Firm for mere supervision? If so, why should not the same work be entrusted to the local Industrial Superintendent?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) Rs. 54,447. One Chief Driver.

Two Drivers.

Two Steersmen.

Two Firemen.

Two Cleaners.

Three Coolies.

(2) Generally between November to June. During the other months also, if the state of weather permits. The Chief Driver is paid for the full year and the rest are kept on half pay when there are breakdowns or when the Engines are stabled owing to rains or bad condition of the roads.

(3) The big Tractor from March 1920, and the small one from April 1920. Steps have been taken to get the worn out parts replaced. As the materials are not available in India, they have to be got from foreign countries which necessarily takes some time.

(4) Yes. Not merely for supervision work but for attending to repairs also. The present arrangement is advantageous as the Mechanical Engineer referred to possesses an up-to-date Workshop at Shimoga which is found exceedingly handy to get the repairs done promptly.

MESSRS. C. SUBBA RAO, B.A., B.L., SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD AND A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—XV. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Probationary Assistant Commissioners nominated from among the natives of the Nagar Division, since the scheme was brought into effect?

(b) If no member is nominated, will the Government be pleased to state if any endeavour was made to find out and select if there were any eligible candidates in the Nagar Division and with what result?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) None.

(b) No, as selection for nomination is not made on a territorial basis.

MR. B. N. VIJAYA DEVA, VOKKALIGARA SANGHA, BANGALORE.—

Q.—XVI. (a) Will the Government be pleased to publish for the information of the public the recommendations of the members of the Miller Committee?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they propose to take on the said recommendations?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) Government do not consider that it will be in the public interest to publish the report.

(b) The action to be taken on the report is under the active consideration of Government.

MR. B. SRINIVASIENGAR, ANEKAL.—

Q.—XVII. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of grants given to each municipality in the State, including City Municipalities for improvement and recurring expenditure for the last ten years?

(b) If no grant has been given to small municipalities, will the Government be pleased to state whether the presumption is that they are in a flourishing condition?

(c) If they are not in a good condition, will the Government be pleased to state what steps they are going to take for improvements in small municipalities?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) A statement furnishing information regarding grants and contributions paid to certain municipalities in the State will be placed on the table.

(b) and (c) The statement placed on the table will show that grants have been given and these questions do not arise. The attention of the member is invited to G. O. No. 3005-55—Ml. 132-16-1, dated 16th November 1916, in which the policy of Government has been laid down.

MR. KARNICK KRISHNAMURTHI RAO, MAGADI.—

Q.—XVIII. Last year, Government had been pleased to circulate the Educational Memorandum for the opinion of experts in the Province and in British India. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the opinions have been received and will they be published for the information of the public? What is the decision of Government in the matter and will they expedite the question?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.—

A.—The opinions and criticisms received have been printed as a collection for Government use, but as most of them have already been published in the newspapers, Government do not consider it necessary to re-publish them. Any member who wishes to refer to them may ask the Secretary for a copy of the collection made in the Secretariat for reference.

The order of Government on the Memorandum is about to issue.